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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed July 29, 2002 (hereinafter "Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. The response was initially due October 29, 2002. A petition for a onemonth extension of time is submitted herewith, extending the time to respond up to and including November 29, 2002. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal letter and Petition for Extension of Time;
- Check in the amount of \$110; and
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